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Prior to calculation of the fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please make the paragraph substitutions indicated in the Appendix entitled Clean Version of Amended Specification Paragraphs. The specific changes incorporated in the substitute paragraphs are shown in the following marked-up versions of the original paragraphs:

Please amend the second complete paragraph beginning on page 78, line 13, as follows:

In some embodiments, customized packaging options can also be offered. For example, as shown in Figure 23A, a single-serving pouch package 2302 can be used. The single serving pouch package 2302 can be a microwave package having instructions on the back for preparing the enclosed customized food product in a microwave oven. In one embodiment, the single serving pouch package 2302 is similar to the type of bag currently used for popping popcorn in a microwave oven. In another embodiment, the single serving pouch package 2302 can also be designed to be a convection air oven package or possibly an air popper package and the instructions modified accordingly. Alternatively a covered bowl single serving package 2304 can be used as shown in Figure 23B. Alternatively, a box 2306 type of packaging can be used as shown in Figure 23C. In another embodiment, not shown, a beverage-type of package is used. In one embodiment, the package contains a single serving. In another embodiment, the package is a consumer-sized box containing more than one serving.

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